

PROSECUTED.
"PROF." ARTHUR
OF BEGAM WRITING EXPERT BLASPHEMY.

Providence Official Re-
fused to Assist the Wash-
ington Plan.

ACTION STARTS RUMORS

Mayor Quincy, of Boston, Had
Given His Indorsement—Sul-
zer Is in the Dark.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 27.—Governor Dyer
and Mayor Baker recently received circular
letters purporting to come from the "National
Memorial Arch Company," with an
office at No. 207 Broadway, New York, and
headquarters in Washington. The object of
the organization, it was stated, was to help
erect a \$1,000,000 national arch at Wash-
ington, Congress to appropriate \$500,000, while
the rest is to be raised by popular sub-
scription.

It was announced that General Fitzhugh
Lee, now in Cuba, was chairman of the
committee, and F. O. Case secretary. Pres-
ident McKinley was said to be ex-officio
chairman, while Governors of States and
Territories and members of the Cabinet
were ex-officio vice-presidents.

A printed copy of "The Memorial Arch
Bill" was inclosed, as was also a copy of
a letter of indorsement purporting to be
written and signed by Congressman Wil-
liam Sulzer, of New York.

Neither the Mayor nor Governor paid
any attention to the communications, but
last week a young man appeared with a
letter from "Franklin O. Case, secretary,
National Memorial Arch Company," and
asked for a subscription. The Mayor, Gov-
ernor Dyer and other leading men had in-
formed the project and given substantial sums.

Mayor Baker declined to contribute, and
communicated with Governor Dyer, who
declared he had not approved the plan and
asked Detective Barker to inform the
New York and Washington police de-
partments were promptly notified.

Boston, Dec. 27.—Mayor Quincy to-
night made this statement about the arch matter:
"The men who are circulating these good
names, among others, those of the Pres-
ident's Cabinet. They did not ask for
money, but wanted my indorsement."

"I gave them some money, however, and
wished them success in their undertaking.
I understand that others whom they ap-
proached gave willingly when they saw my
indorsement."

"They asked me to form a committee
which would assist in raising funds to be
used over later to the Central Commis-
sion. This, however, I refused to do, saying
that the work, if undertaken, would have
to be done by my successors."

"I have heard rumors lately that things
were not as they should be, and I regret
that I helped the project along by giving
my indorsement."

"This is the first time I have heard of
such a rumor," said Congressman Sulzer
last night. "Mr. Case, the secretary of the
National Memorial Arch Fund, was highly
recommended to me when I first met him
in connection with the Dewey Arch."

Mr. Case presented the resolution for a
National Arch to me, and I submitted it
to the House. It provides that no funds
shall be raised except by a committee of
representatives of the House and Senate,
after the bill shall have become a law—not
before."

"Any violation of this provision is unwar-
ranted and illegal. But I have no reason to
believe that Mr. Case has attempted to col-
lect any money for this fund."

"I have not seen any evidence for ten
years," said Franklin O. Case last evening,
at his home in Flatbush, "nor have I col-
lected any money for the National Memorial
Arch Company."

"A man named Cochran, of No. 207
Broadway, has collected money for the pur-
pose of erecting a structure resembling the
Memorial Arch, but he is not associated
with the committee or with me."

River Tunnel Matter Before Orr.
Comptroller Colver will have a conference with
Alexander E. Orr, president of the Rapid Transit
Board, within a day or two to ascertain if the Rapid
Transit Board will undertake the work of
building a tunnel to South Brooklyn. The
Comptroller fears that the work will not be begun during
the life of the present administration.

CURT SUBBERG
AFTER EGG EATER.

Curry Wanted to Show
How He Won \$10 by
Beating a Trick Bet.

"I will now prove to the honorable
Judge," said a defendant in the First Dis-
trict Court, in Newark, yesterday, "that
it is possible to eat two raw eggs on an
empty stomach. I will now take these eggs
in my right hand."

"No, you won't," interrupted Judge Guild.
"You do not."

The man who wanted to devour the raw
eggs was Solomon Curry, once a Free-
holder and now a prominent Democratic
politician. Michael Meyer, a horse dealer,
had bet \$10 that a man could not eat two
raw eggs on an empty stomach.

The wrinkle in this bet is that after the
first egg is eaten the stomach is not empty.
Curry, however, got around this technicality
by swallowing both eggs at once. Michael
Meyer, the stakeholder, gave the money
to him, and Meyer, claiming a foul, sued
for it back.

"I put both eggs in my mouth," Curry
asserted the Court, "crushed them and re-
jected the shells. Then before you can say 'Jack
Robinson' I gulp down the egg meat at one
draught."

"I saw him do it," said the stakeholder,
Meyer.

"No such thing," contradicted Meyer.
Then Curry produced two eggs and offered
to respect the bet. The Court ruled that
as the whole transaction was a gambling
one it was illegal and void. The jury gave
a verdict for the plaintiff.

After the hearing Curry insisted on doing
his egg-swallowing feat outside the Court,
before a large and appreciative crowd. Se-
veral persons, however, urged him to
swallow as long as he would swallow them.
Newark "sports" have been making the
egg bet for years. Last year a number of
men changed hands at these egg matches.

SIXTY TEACHERS RETIRED.

They Have Served 25 Years or More.
One Appointed in 1850.

The Board of Education held its last
meeting for 1899 yesterday. President
Joseph J. Little presided. His term will
expire on December 31, but he will prob-
ably be reappointed. Several other Com-
missioners will also finish their terms, but
they are all Tammany Hall men and will un-
doubtedly be reappointed.

The Committee on School System reported
sixty teachers who voluntarily asked to be
retired, having served twenty-five years or
more. They were retired on the customary
pension. Among them were Mrs. Annie L.
Vest, appointed in 1851; Miss Louise Kolb,
in 1850; and Miss Elizabeth P. Richards, in
1854.

"PROF." ARTHUR
OF BEGAM WRITING EXPERT BLASPHEMY.

Again ignorance and fear trembled and was prostrate before
self-seeking cunning and fraud, and accordingly the firm of Moses,
Jehovah & Co. (Unlimited) became re-established; articles of co-
partnership, perpetual; powers, omnipotent; capital, infinite;
scope, realms terrestrial and celestial; Moses, its general man-
ager, financier, and treasurer.

Pharaoh and his hosts will be as stubble before the consuming
flame?

Moses' story took: the slaves ignorant and credulous believed;
superior intelligence, cunning and craft exercised in the name
of the great Jehovah triumphed. The firm of Moses,
Jehovah & Co. had gained recognition and the Israelites,
now fully assured, hastened to make ready for their flight as re-
corded in Exodus XVII to XVIII, and after much hardship
and many tribulations they came out of Egypt into the semi-desert
lands beyond the Red Sea. There was no milk and honey, but
a dearth of everything, and they murmured and besought of
Moses and Aaron why they had led them into the wilderness to
starve (Exodus XVI, 3). "And the children of Israel said unto
them, would to God we had died by the hand of the Lord in the
land of Egypt when we sat by the fleshpots and when we did eat
bread to the full: for you have brought us forth into this wilder-
ness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

From these and other murmurings, it was manifest to Moses

Extracts from Expert Ames's "Biblical Myths."

Molineux's Attorney Attempts to Impugn the Wit-
ness by Confronting Him with His Contemptuous
and Very Free Thought Expositions.

THE monotonous examination of
the expert was broken at the Mol-
ineux trial yesterday when
Bartow S. Weeks, in cross-ex-
amination Daniel T. Ames, the patriarchal
expert, read from an article by Mr.
Ames entitled "Biblical Myths," which
referred contemptuously to Biblical be-
liefs as "Moses, Jehovah & Co."

Mr. Weeks, for the purpose, he said,
of testing the witness's credibility, re-
minded him that he had in taking the
oath affirmed that he would tell the
truth "so help me God."

Recorder Goff declared that no reli-
gious belief was a test of credibility
in a New York court of justice.

Expert Tyrell was recalled and Fore-
man Martin asked other questions and
again ventured an opinion.

Renewed interest is promised for to-
day, when Dr. Wendell C. Phillips and
Dr. Lewis G. Coffin will be placed on
the stand. Dr. Phillips attended Bar-
net in his last sickness and visited Cor-
nish when he was ill from the slip he
took of the cyanide of mercury that
had killed Mrs. Adams. Dr. Coffin also
attended Cornish.

RECORDED GROWS TIRED.
The expert was nodding his head in the
affirmative when Mr. Weeks remarked:
"Do you think you ought to make a
speech about it?"

"I have never been a good one," re-
plied the Recorder, "or you would not
have objected to it."

"Ah," drawled Mr. Osborne, "You are
so afraid of your own consciousness
worrying you. I am so sorry for you, Mr.
Weeks. You did not fear to waste money
when you were a District Attorney, but
you have never done anything to disturb
my conscience," growled Mr. Weeks.

Recorder Goff said at this juncture: "I
shall take a recess until you gentlemen
have finished this thing out."

The spluttering lawyers both sat down.
The Recorder stopped out of the court
room for five minutes.

When the Recorder had returned Mr. Os-
borne asked the witness to sum up his con-
clusions. He said:

MR. WEEKS AND FAITH.
"I don't think it possible that these se-
ries of writings could have been written by



Weeks Accuses Expert Ames of Blasphemous Writings.

The sensation of yesterday's session of the Molineux trial came when the counsel for the defendant at-
tempted to impugn Daniel T. Ames's credibility as a witness.
He did this by quoting from the expert's pamphlet entitled "Biblical Myths," in which Ames attacks and
ridicules the belief in accepted sacred personages and things, and by arguing that this nullified his oath on the
stand.

The Recorder, however, held that the expert's credibility was not affected.

Two persons having two habits of hand-
writing. "What is the purpose of this?" inquired
the Recorder softly.

"I want to test the credibility of the wit-
ness," exclaimed the lawyer.

"Credibility," shouted Osborne, "this
thing is done for the purpose of prejudicing
the jury with a degree of unfairness which
I have never before equalled in a court
room."

The Recorder waved his hand and said:
"Our law permits of no religious test of
a witness's credibility. In this State an
affirmation does not necessarily embrace
the affirmation, 'So help me God.' Remem-
ber that in a court of justice there exists
no test according to what a witness be-
lieves or disbelieves in religion."

"But, Your Honor," said Mr. Weeks
earnestly, "I do not show that he said
'So help me God.'"

"It is unnecessary,"
"But he did say it," shouted Weeks.
"Then it was superfluous."
"But I want to show his credibility."
"Ah, no," interrupted Osborne, "it is for
a purpose far more malign."

IN RE RELIGIOUS BELIEF.
"But, Your Honor," said Weeks excitedly,
"I want to show by this blasphemy that
the witness—"

"Blasphemy!" repeated Osborne with an
accent of exclamation. "You're a nice man,
aren't you, Mr. Weeks?"

Recorder Goff again stopped the quarrel:
"Our laws require no such test. Every
man will swear before according to the test
which he applies to his own conscience."

"I except to the part of Your Honor's
ruling relating to credibility," said Mr.
Weeks. "I think I have a right to em-
phasize this blasphemous utterance."

"You must not use such language," said
the Court. "I instruct the jury to dis-
regard whatever counsel has said on this
subject."

Mr. Weeks again excepted and continued
directly along another line—that relating to

BOUTELLE'S FRIENDS
DEAR TO HIS MIND.

Maine Representative Is
in a Sanitarium at
Brookline, Mass.

IS VIOLENT AT TIMES.

The Nature of the Malady
affecting the Statesman
Is Kept Secret.

Boston, Dec. 27.—Congressman Bo-
utelle is a patient in Dr. Steadman's Brook-
line Sanitarium, where he was brought in
on Monday. The cause of his prostrati-
on is not publicly known, every ef-
fort being made by the members of the
family and the people at the sanitarium to
keep the facts a secret.

Congestion of the brain, caused by indig-
estion, is the disease assigned, but it
is said that the Congressman's friends have
for some time been apprehensive as to his
mental condition.

Bangor, Me., Dec. 27.—The hurried de-
parture of Congressman Boutelle for Bos-
ton is the subject of general comment in
Bangor, where, in spite of the great secrecy
maintained concerning his condition, enough
has leaked out to convince people that the
Congressman is suffering from some violent
malady.

From the time of his arrival home from
Boston last Saturday everything relating to
his illness has been kept quiet, and all
that those who called at the house were
able to learn was that he was resting well
and that hopes were entertained of his re-
covery.

It is said, however, that Congressman
Boutelle has been growing constantly worse
since his first attack, and that while here
he was frequently violent, requiring the
services of several attendants. Several
fears are expressed that he cannot long
survive.

QUEENS TEACHERS LOSE
\$153,000 IN SALARIES.

Borough Board Votes to Keep Within
the Appropriation of the Board
of Estimate.

The Queens School Board yesterday re-
duced the salary of every teacher in the
borough, to meet the appropriation made
by the Board of Estimate and Appor-
tionment. The School Board asked for \$800,000
and the Board allowed only \$646,000.

Corporation Counsel Whalen, in an op-
inion, stated that the Board not only could
reduce salaries, but must reduce them to
keep within the appropriation.

Commissioner White was the only mem-
ber to vote against the resolution. "I voted
against it," explained Mr. White, "because
I think we haven't got the right to reduce
the salaries. The Corporation Counsel some-
times gives an opinion to suit the case."

Wages of teachers' salaries were reduced
about 30 per cent, those of the office force
were cut only about 5 per cent.

SOCIETY SEES CHRISTMAS
RIDE IN AN ACADEMY.

Exhibitions of Fancy Horsemanship
Win Frequent Ap-
plause.

The twelfth annual Christmas ride of the
Durand Riding Academy was held last
night in the Academy building. Fifty-ninth
street and Central Park West. Several
hundred persons were present and the
maneuvering and fancy horsemanship won
frequent applause.

Among those in the audience were Mr.
and Mrs. John A. McCall, Mr. and Mrs.
Hugh J. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. John R.
Hogarth, L. D. Bristol, Miss Isabel W.
Peck, Miss Peck, Mr. and Mrs. A. N.
Stosson, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Reid,
Mrs. S. Cornell, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Holt,
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Olney, Mr. and Mrs.
E. Maiter, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Colefax
and the Misses Manchester, Terry, La
Coste, Lee, Hills, Smith, Barnes and Hobbs.

Died in a Broadway Restaurant.

James Wittenstein, of No. 234 West Forty-
third street and Central Park West. Several
hundred persons were present and the
maneuvering and fancy horsemanship won
frequent applause.

NEW BRIDGE STRS
AFTER MEN TO WAR.

Mr. James Threatens to
Put Coler's Mummy in
Proposed Tunnel.

The Aldermen will meet every day this
week, in order to clear their calendar of
unfinished business.

The session of yesterday was mainly de-
voted to a consideration of the report of
the Committee on Bridges and Tunnels,
which recommends that bonds be issued
immediately to defray the expenses of con-
struction of the Blackwell's Island bridge.

The report was rejected by a vote of 32
to 10, 45 votes being necessary to its adop-
tion. The vote was reconsidered and the
matter made a special order for to-day.

"Tunnels," said Alderman James, of
Queens, "are obsolete. The kings of Egypt
used to spend the lives of their slaves and
the treasure of their countries in construct-
ing tunnels in which to bury their re-
mains."

"I quote this ancient history for the bene-
fit of Comptroller Colver. If he persists in
examining his tunnel down our throats we
will bury his mummy in it when he at-
tempts to ascend his political throne."

It was resolved to decorate the City Hall
on New Year's Day and to signalize the
end of one hundred years of prosperity to
the city and country by music and other
appropriate demonstrations.

ACRES MORE OF WATER
IN VIEW FOR NEW YORK.

Board of Public Improvements Approves
Maps for the Construction of a
9,000,000,000 Gallon Reservoir.

The Board of Public Improvements yes-
terday gave a public hearing on the propo-
sition to build a new storage reservoir at
Cross River, Westchester County, with a
capacity of 9,000,000,000 gallons.

As there was no opposition and the Board
approved the maps for the reservoir, Com-
missioner Dalton said the Cross River site
was the most economical of the remaining
available sites in the watershed, and that
the construction of the reservoir would add
30,000,000 gallons per day to the capacity
of the present supply.

Solomon's Majority Boom Launched.
The Tammany organization of the Tenth Dis-
trict yesterday evening to County Clerk William
Solomon last night in recognition of his long
service as leader of the district. Julius Harbinger,
in leading to the coast.

Solomon, Mr. Solomon's Majority Boom. The
laurels were given diplomatically, and was en-
thusiastically received.

PASTOR DATED TO
APPEAR FOR TRIAL.

Editor Dater Turns the
Tables on the Dominie
Who Suspended Him.

John Y. Dater, editor of the Rammer's
Journal, who was suspended from the local
Christian Reformed Church by the Rev. J.
X. Trompen for taking photographs on
Sunday, was yesterday reinstated at a
special session of the Classis at Hackensack.

The editor had appealed his suspension,
and Dominie Trompen, in anticipation
of this appeal, held the church annual meet-
ing a few weeks ago, instead of waiting
till the regular date in February.

The Classis yesterday not only restored
Editor Dater, but decided that the annual
meeting was illegal.

The charge against Pastor Trompen of
speaking ill of Mrs. Dater was also taken
up. Mrs. Dater was exonerated and Pastor
Trompen requested to make a public apolo-
gy to Mrs. Dater.

Dominie Trompen was not present, and
President John C. Voorhis offered the fol-
lowing resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved: That the Rev. J. X. Trompen be
reinstated to his office as pastor of the Chris-
tian Reformed Church on January 9 and
that he be paid the salary of \$1,000 per
year, to be paid in three installments, the
first on January 9, the second on February
9, and the third on March 9.

The last charge is that of alleged infor-
mation to Frances Kinder, an adopted girl.
The Rev. S. I. Vanderbeek, father of Mrs.
Dater, in receipt of a letter from the
father of the girl, which will be offered at
the trial of the pastor.

Jaquillard Is Woodruff's Favorite.

Lieutenant-Governor Woodruff told a Journal
reporter yesterday that Harry Jacquillard of
the State Senate is his favorite. "It is not true,"
said Mr. Jacquillard, "that I am a favorite
of the Governor. I am a favorite of the
people."

Mr. Jacquillard has taken a place under
Recorder Goff. "I am a favorite of the
people," said Mr. Jacquillard, "and I
look for his reappointment."

THE END OF THE YEAR.

Suits and Overcoats for the new year at King's,
the busy clothing corner, Park place and Broad-
way. Men's elegant Oxford gray overcoats,
red, blue and satin lined, at \$7.50, worth \$15.
Men's blue and black lined overcoats, \$7.50; also
Haglin overcoats, Prince Albert coats and vests,
all lined, at \$9.50; stylish sack and cutaway suits
at \$7.50, well worth \$15. If you have not tried
at our store the past year you have done an in-
justice to yourself. There are a few days left.
Come in and pick out a suit or overcoat. You
will be surprised how cheap we sell good clothing
this year. We will be one of our best customers
King's, corner Broadway and Park place.

WORE PAPER TO KEEP WARM.

Mrs. Davidson Half Starved, and Too
Poor to Buy Clothing.

So poor is Mrs. Mary Davidson that she
made for herself a suit of paper under-
clothing to keep her body warm. She is sixty
years old. She was half starved when she
took refuge in the City Lodging House on
Tuesday night.

Mrs. Davidson wound strips of newspaper
about her body, legs and arms. She said
that this protected her from the cold.

HER HOODOO CLOCK
OR KANSAS CITY.

Danforth Talks of Dem-
ocratic Convention
and Party Policy.

Mrs. Martha Chasfield, a little old Vir-
ginia colored woman, was almost white
with fear as she appealed yesterday to
Magistrate Mott in the Yorkville Court to
save her from the awful hoodoo.

She went into a Third Avenue auction
room on Saturday night, and for \$125
bought the hoodoo clock as a Christmas
present for her husband. There was a
statue of Father Time on the lid, and the
clock was advertised to chime the half
hours and strike the hours. The old wom-
an took it home and hid it under the bed,
so that her husband Joshua wouldn't see
it till the right time arrived.

In the night the clock struck the hour
when the hoodoo clock began to perform.
It struck thirteen times. Then came a col-
umn of smoke, and it struck thirteen again.
A third time it did it.

"We're lost," shouted Joshua, hurrying
his face under the bedclothes. "That's
the devil's policy!"

"Don't be superstitious!" his wife
said, though she shivered with fright her-
self.

The old woman took the clock back to
the auctioneer, but he received her supersti-
tiously. She brought him to the Court, and
he was explained to the terrified old
woman that it was not a crime to sell a
hoodoo clock. She gasped. "Then there
ain't no crimes," and she went out look-
ing for the civil court, to which she was
referred.

Price of Milk Has Been Reduced.

The Consolidated Milk Exchange, at its monthly
meeting yesterday, reduced the price of milk from
\$1.62 to \$1.52 a can of forty quarts. This is the
price which the New York dealer has to pay at
the railroad terminals in New Jersey. Chicago
will average 5 cents a can. The cost to be New
York dealer will, therefore, be about 4 cents a
can. The price paid to the producer is 3 cents
a quart.

The Journal printed last
week 323 Auction Sale Advs.,
which is 212 more than any
other newspaper.

Opening of Shanley's House Court, Broadway
and 424 St., Saturday, at 6 p. m.

MAY AND DECEMBER WEDDED.

May and December were united in Ve-
rona, N. J., Sunday night, when Miss Jen-
nie D. Condit, the nineteen-year-old daugh-
ter of Emmons Condit, and J. Edgar Will-
iams, sixty-three years old, a well known
and wealthy citizen, were married by the
Rev. W. J. Pasko, pastor of the Verona
Congregational Church, at the home of the
bride's parents, on Bloomfield avenue.

The bridegroom is at the head of the firm
of J. E. Williams & Co., and is well known
in business and political life.

Naval Wedding at Stapleton, N. Y.

Miss Zenade Shabazz, daughter of Captain Edwin
Maxim Shabazz, U. S. N., and Lieutenant Thro-
mas Vogelstein, U. S. N., were married yesterday
in St. Paul's Memorial Church, Stapleton, Staten
Island. The wedding was a quiet affair, and many
of the guests were in full uniform.

Voting Machine Goes to a Museum.

The Common Council of Mount Vernon yester-
day decided to give one of its voting machines to
Staten College of Staten, N. Y., as a curiosity.
Nine other voting machines owned by the city
will be sold at auction for junk. They originally
cost \$4,800.